

Worship to the Glory of God

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8 & 11 am



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany for Lent – see insert

Hymn

“Farewell to Alleluia”

672 v 1,2

tune: “Jerusalem the Golden”

1 Farewell to “Alleluia!” Exalted word of praise, Which now in faith we forfeit Throughout these forty days While ashes of contrition Our true repentance prove Till Easter’s Alleluias The veil once more remove.	2 Lord, sanctify the silence With which we contemplate Your boundless love for sinners Your sacrifice so great, And grant us hope and patience That, when the fast is gone, New songs of “Alleluia!” May greet your Easter dawn!
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The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... “Heavenly Father, draw us to the cross this Lenten season that we might see the awfulness of our sin and the magnitude of Christ’s sacrifice. We pray in Christ’s name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”

People: Amen.

✠ Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who went to the Cross, we rise to sing*

All Sing: *“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”* **560 v 1**

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended

from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

✠ Please be seated

The Sermon Hymn “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” **685**

The Sermon “**Thy Will be Done**”
Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

✠ Please rise for

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Apostles’ Creed (11:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings (Please be seated)

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” **450 v 1**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with “*Lord, in your mercy ...*” and the congregation will respond with “**hear our prayer.**”)

Lord’s Prayer

8:00 am service continues

11:00 am service concludes on page 9

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, this Lenten season we honor your name. Amen.

The Sanctus

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

The Distribution (Please be seated)

- ✠ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers' instructions.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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- ✠ Please rise for

Post-Communion Canticle

"There is a Fountain filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Verse 2

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Verse 3

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Post-Communion Prayer

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Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

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The Post-service Music

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder:	Larry Roach	
Duty Elder:	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte:	Jessi Smith	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care:	Cathy Hurff & Freda Steinke	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader:	Mel Reinstetle	Betty Holland
Audio Assistant:	Jonathan Tinker	Bob Behnke
Video Assistant:	Mike Meutzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers:	Ivo & Jackie Christopher, Barb Goodhue and Betty Holland	Neil Finkenstadt, Ray LaVallee, Joe Dubey and Sue Leader
Flower Angels:	Harold & Marilyn Bley	Harold & Marilyn Bley
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber
Altar Flowers	are given by Debbie Lackey in thankfulness for blessings received.	

Our Purpose

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.

Stewardship Sentence: “During Lent, we see Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Consider your offering to the Lord as your thankful response.”

This Week’s Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, March 16 th	8:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, March 17 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 18 th	9:00 am	Willing Workers
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday, March 19 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	Noon	Genealogy Society / CLC
	6:30 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:15 pm	Lenten Devotions
Thursday, March 20 th	6:30 pm	NA Meeting / GSH
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, March 21 st	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, March 22 nd	9:00 am	Altar Guild Workday
	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service

Food Pantry Item of the Month

Peanut Butter

A Measure of Our Devotion

March 8 & 9, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	43/84/121
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	44/73/81
Sunday Communion 2014	107
Sunday Communion 2013	76
Ash Wednesday 2014 am/communion	51/46
Ash Wednesday 2014 pm/communion	110/109
Ash Wednesday 2013 am/communion (2/20/13)	68/27
Ash Wednesday 2013 pm/communion (2/20/13)	74/80
SS/Youth/Confirmation	13/8/3
Adult Sunday School/Mid-week Studies	22/15
Receipts for March 1 & 2, 2014	\$4,613.30

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **EASTER BASKETS** The Sunday School is once again making Easter baskets for children that might not otherwise get one. They will be given to our local schools. We are in need of pre-wrapped candy, small toys or books, coloring or activity books and small box of crayons or color pencils. No religious chocolate crosses or praying hands candy or books as they cannot be given out in the school. If you would like to help but not shop I will be happy to do it for you. Come see me on Sunday morning in Church or the CLC. You can also call me at home 376-5338. The dead line for the items is April13th. Last year we needed to fill 130 and with your support we did it and planning to do the same this year. Thank you all so much for your support with all of our projects. In His Service, Sharon Rubia, Sunday School Supt.
- **LENTEN WEDNESDAYS** will feature a Lenten Fellowship Dinner served in the CLC starting at 6:30pm, followed by a short worship service at 7:15 pm.
- **OUR LENTEN WORSHIP THEME** is "Prayers of the Passion." Prayers offered up, either by Christ or to him, as he made his fateful way to the cross...and beyond. Consider the prayers of the Passion, even these two thousand years later. For they speak to us...even today.

- **THE CALL COMMITTEE** met on Tuesday, March 11th.
- **NEW 4 WEEK BIBLE STUDY** begins next Sunday at 9:30 am at the front of the Sanctuary. We will view a short scene from the current movie showing in the theatres, "Son of God", and discuss applications to our lives.
- **MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE "EASTER BREAKFAST"** sponsored by our Senior Youth Group. Tickets are on sale now! Ticket prices are \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under the age of 10. Ticket prices are \$12 per adult at the door (\$7 children). The menu will be breakfast casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, danishes, fresh fruit, bagels, orange juice, apple juice and coffee. Take the morning off from cooking! Bring the whole family and help support this great group of kids!
- **SURPRISE! SURPRISE!** I usually check my mail box at church when I return from New Jersey. To my surprise I found gifts that have been waiting for me since Christmas. I don't know who the givers are. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart! Yours in Christ - Maggie Grosskurth
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK (no anniversaries):**

Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(18) Pastor Hu Temme (20) Joyce Marutz

- **THE C. S. LEWIS SOCIETY** invites everyone interested in a Reasonable Faith in an Uncertain World to come and hear the famous atheist turned Christian and bestselling author, Lee Strobel, speak on Friday, March 21st beginning at 7 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater. Mr. Strobel was the former award winning legal reporter for the Chicago Tribune whose wife's conversion led to his investigation of the claims of Christianity. He started out attempting to prove her in error and ended up writing "The Case for Christ," the "Case for Faith," and "The Case for a Creator." He currently serves as a professor of Christian thought. The 2 day conference includes other speakers. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. If you have questions contact Phyllis Miller at 727-847-0959 or phyalama@tampabay.rr.com.